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Major General John M. Willem  
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence  
Department of the Army

Dear John:

The members of the United States Intelligence Board thought that you might be interested in receiving the attached unclassified excerpt from the official minutes of the Board meeting on 5 October 1961.

Again our very best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

*Allen W. Dulles*  
Allen W. Dulles  
Chairman

Attachment

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# **UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD**

**Excerpt from Official Minutes of Meeting  
5 October 1961**

"Mr. Dulles noted that it was with very real regret that he had learned that this was the last meeting which General Willems would attend as a member of USIB. He stated that, in his work with the Board, General Willems had been vigorous, articulate and fairminded, all characteristics of an ideal intelligence officer. Under such circumstances, even when there had been differences of view he and General Willems had been able to work in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

"In response, General Willems stated that it had been a privilege to be a member of USIB, particularly under the chairmanship of Mr. Dulles, and expressed the hope that his contributions to the work of the Board had been of value to national security."